# **Aer Lingus Group plc**

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## Traffic Statistics - September, 2008

## Scheduled passengers increased by 3.7% on September 2007

**Dublin & London, 6 October 2008:** Aer Lingus Group plc ("Aer Lingus"), today announced traffic statistics for the month of September 2008.

Aer Lingus' total passenger numbers grew by 3.7% in September 2008 compared to September 2007. This includes a 4.2% increase in passenger numbers on short haul with long haul performing in line with last year's levels.

Short haul load factor was 79.8% which was down on 2007 by 4.3% in the context of a capacity increase of 16.7% year on year.

Long haul load factor fell to 68.9% from 69.8% in 2007 with capacity increasing by 4.6%.

Detailed traffic statistics are set out on the following page.

### About Aer Lingus Group plc

Aer Lingus is an Irish low-cost, low-fares airline, providing both long-haul and short-haul passenger transportation services. Aer Lingus' low-cost, low-fares model is centred on maintaining low unit cost, offering one-way fares, maintaining effective fleet utilisation and developing the Aer Lingus brand. Consistent with this low-cost model, Aer Lingus' primary distribution channel is its website aerlingus.com.

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		September			Year -To -Date		
	2008	2007	Change %	2008	2007	Change %	
* Passengers (thousands)							
Short-haul	814	781	4.2	7,100	6,478	9.6	
Long-haul	108	108	0	976	929	5.1	
Total	922	889	3.7	8,076	7,407	9.0	
* Revenue Passenger							
Kilometres (RPKs) (millions)							
Short-haul	891	804	10.8	7,409	6,428	15.3	
_ong-haul	613	594	3.2	5,563	5,083	9.4	
Total	1,505	1,398	7.7	12,972	11,511	12.7	
Available Seat Kilometres							
(ASKs) (millions)							
Short-haul	1,116	956	16.7	9,474	8,065	17.5	
_ong-haul	890	851	4.6	7,766	6,462	20.2	
Total	2,006	1,807	11.0	17,240	14,527	18.7	
** Passenger load factor (%)			% Points			% Points	
Short-haul	79.8	84.1	(4.3)	78.2	79.7	(1.5)	
_ong-haul	68.9	69.8	(0.9)	71.6	78.6	(7.0)	
Гotal	75.0	77.4	(2.4)	75.2	79.2	(4.0)	

#### **Notes**

<sup>\*</sup> Earned seats and earned revenue passenger kilometres includes seats and passenger kilometres that are sold regardless of whether the passenger shows for a flight, as once a flight has departed the customer is generally not entitled to change flights or obtain a refund. Prior year numbers have been restated to reflect this methodology.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star\star}$  Earned revenue passenger kilometres as a percentage of available seat kilometres.